

GREEN INITIATIVE AT MERRITT 7

Merritt 7 has made a firm commitment toward environmental stewardship and energy efficiency. Through numerous efforts, Merritt 7 strives to be environmentally conscious, promote, and maximize sustainability. The multi-tenanted buildings at Merritt7 have achieved LEED EB certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).

Complete List of Green Initiatives Adopted by Merritt 7:

- **Waste Reduction & Integrated Occupant Recycling Program:** Merritt 7 averages a recycling rate of more than 50% of the total waste stream. Waste audits are performed annually to ensure compliance and to determine ways to increase recycling rates.
- **Construction Indoor Air Quality Management Program:** All construction work is performed in a manner that ensures healthy and non-disruptive working environment for building occupants. The plan is based on the recommended design approaches used by the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning National Contractors Association (SMACNA) IAQ Guideline for occupied buildings under construction.
- **Green Site and Building Exterior Management Program:** The program addresses exterior maintenance equipment, animal and vegetation pest control, landscape waste, irrigation management, fertilizer use, snow removal, building exterior cleaning, and use of paints and sealants on the building exteriors.



- Best practices equipment preventative maintenance program.
- Car Pooling & Telecommuting policy; Ct Nu-Rides performs occupant awareness programs for all tenants, reserved parking spaces available
- Indoor Air Quality Program; adoption of an Indoor Air Quality Management Program based upon the US EPA Building Air Quality Action Plan (June 1998)
- Construction, demolition and renovation waste management program; for any building retrofit, renovation or modification that occurs on site contractors strive for a minimum of 50% diversion of construction, demolition and land clearing waste from landfill or incineration disposal.
- Indoor chemical and pollutant source control program; Merritt 7 Corporate Park uses air filters with a MERV rating of 13 or higher.
- Low mercury containing light bulb policy; an organizational policy specifying that all purchases of mercury-containing light bulbs are made in such a way that the average mercury content of the light bulbs is less than 80 picograms/lumen hour.
- Green Cleaning Policy; implemented procedures and products that contribute to healthy surroundings for building occupants and cleaning staff , and minimizes the impact of cleaning operations on the environment.
- Integrated pest management program; The systematic coordination of property management functions that , Identifies specific sites of pest infestation, suppresses pest populations with short term techniques and reduces the causes of infestation with long term techniques.
- Low environmental impact cleaning equipment policy; Merritt 7 is committed to reducing exposure of building occupants and maintenance personnel to potentially hazardous chemical, biological and particle contaminants, which adversely impact air quality, health, building finishes, building systems and the environment.
- Sustainable cleaning products and materials policy; Merritt 7 is committed to reducing the impacts of cleaning products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags and has achieved 100% purchase of Sustainable Cleaning Products and Materials .

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